

What is the New Jersey Green Homes Office?

DCA's New Jersey Green Homes Office works to improve the environmental performance, energy efficiency, quality and affordability of housing in New Jersey through advocacy, education and technical assistance. The Green Homes Office works to increase the use of innovative green design and building technologies, raise building standards and create a consumer demand for efficient, healthy and environmentally responsible high-performance homes.

What can the New Jersey Green Homes Office do for you?

The Green Homes Office works to educate and provide technical assistance to for-profit and nonprofit developers, architects, government, Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) and members of the construction industry. The Green Homes Office provides subsidies for green/high performance features (up to \$7,500 per unit), project-specific technical assistance and different workshops and training.

Contact the New Jersey Green Homes Office for more information about any of the programs or initiatives at (609) 292-3931.



DCA's Division of Housing is committed to building neighborhoods. Working with nonprofit organizations, private developers and the NJ Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (HMFA), the Division is responsible for grant and loan programs that promote economic and community development through housing and other support services.



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Greetings from Acting Governor Codey and Commissioner Levin

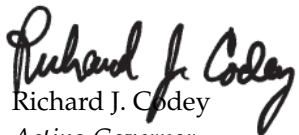
We are committed to improving the environmental performance, energy efficiency, quality and affordability of housing in New Jersey, and the New Jersey Green Homes Office, through the Department of Community Affairs' (DCA) Division of Housing, provides programs and grants that help make this possible.

Since the beginning of this administration, the Green Homes Office has financed hundreds of units that possess an array of energy efficient and green features with a multi-million dollar green budget. Additionally, the Green Homes Office offers grants for the use of renewable energy technologies, such as solar electric and hot water systems.

This brochure offers information on the New Jersey Green Homes Office and how you can get involved to help New Jersey be environmentally resource efficient.

We hope you join us in our effort to make a positive difference for the environment and the lives of individuals and families across New Jersey—together we can work for a greener New Jersey!

With regards,


Richard J. Codey
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New Jersey Green Homes Office Programs and Initiatives

New Jersey Affordable Green (NJAG) Program

The NJAG Program offers technical and financial assistance, as well as advocacy and education programs to encourage the use of green technologies in New Jersey's homes. It also helps with marketing efforts to raise awareness and interest in owning a green home.

The NJAG program:

- Offers technical assistance to increase the number of green/high performance homes throughout New Jersey
- Coordinates with DCA's Balanced Housing Program to provide additional funds up to \$7,500 per unit to integrate green/high-performance features in homes
- Requires 'NJ Energy Star' certification, certifying the projects are at least 15 percent more energy efficient than a standard home

The following programs and initiatives educate people and promote green homes throughout New Jersey.

- **The Built Green New Jersey Program**

This program promotes whole-system green building practices to consumers and builders from technical assistance to awards and recognition.

- **Home Energy Raters System (HERS)**

HERS develops a statewide home energy rater's alliance and to support and publicize energy efficient mortgage programs.

- **Presentations, workshops and conferences**

The Green Homes Office continually provides various programs, workshops and conferences about the use of green technology in homes and its benefits and costs.

Benefits

By getting involved with the Green Homes Office's programs and initiatives, you will see the benefits of green and clean homes. Green building results in:

- Reduced pollution
- Lower water and energy bills
- Healthier living environment
- Strengthened local economies
- Higher quality of building stock
- Reduced maintenance costs/durability
- Save energy, water and other resources
- High quality of life for the citizens of New Jersey



Bellevue Court in Trenton consists of 22 affordable, single-family homes that are New Jersey Energy Star certified and include many green features.
